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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS SEASON Long before the merest hint of Christmas' coming turns us back in time to our happiest childhood memories, already the poinsettia's leaves turn into blooms of raging red. (Horticulturists have produced other many-splendored colors.) They are a symphony of leaves blushing at the magical notion of God being born in a manger.

'Mikey led CARP lobby'

Why blame me? GMA son denies Satur's claim

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and TJ Burgonio

THE ELDEST CHILD OF President Macapagal-Arroyo, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, was the leader of the landlord lobby in the House of Representatives that resulted in the demise of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), a militant party-list congressman claimed yesterday.

"In the first all-party caucus in the middle of the year, [Speaker Prospero Nograles] called for an initial straw vote by asking the representatives to stand up. Mikey Arroyo led those who voted against CARP extension," said Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo.

The Arroyos and their relatives are said to own roughly 500 hectares of

MIKEY/A6



ANGELS TREAD LIGHTLY AT PALMA HALL Urban poor children dress as angels for the celebration at UP Diliman of the "Panunuluyan" which reenacts the timeless story of the search of Joseph and Mary for a room at the inn to shelter the birth of their child. The play is symbolic of the urban poor's continuing search for homes and a decent life.

Oil firms slash prices by ₱2/liter

By Abigail L. Ho

IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF the season, the oil companies slashed prices of gasoline, diesel and kerosene by ₱2 a liter. This will likely be the last fuel price rollback for the year.

Petron, Pilipinas Shell, Chevron Phil., Eastern Petroleum, Flying V and PTT Phil. all implemented the price reduction at a minute after midnight last night.

Seaoil Phil. cut the price of its diesel products only by ₱2 a liter. Seaoil had a jump on the others as it already reduced the prices of its gasoline products last week by ₱3 a liter, when its competitors only did so by ₱1 a liter.

The oil firms all cited declining international prices as the reason for the pump price reduction. (Story on Page A6.)

OIL PRICES/A6

Negros teacher bet only ₱50 to win ₱121M

By Julie M. Aurelio in Manila and Carla P. Gomez Inquirer Visayas

A BUSINESSWOMAN FROM CAVITE took ₱32,000 to brighten up her Christmas, and won ₱23.7 million. It took a female school teacher from Silay City in Negros Occidental only ₱50 to win five times that amount.

"It was a lucky win. She took home exactly ₱120,988,879 in cold cash," Dr. Larry Cedro, spokesperson of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) told the Inquirer yesterday referring to the teacher who won last Monday's 6/49 Mega Lotto jackpot.

On Wednesday, two days after her huge win, the 35-year-old mother of one claimed her golden prize at the PCSO offices in Quezon City.

The winning combination that

NEGROS/A6

Watergate 'Deep Throat' dies; 95

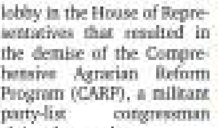


MARK FELT

SAN FRANCISCO—W. Mark Felt, the former FBI second-in-command who revealed himself as "Deep Throat" more than 30 years after he tipped off reporters to the Watergate scandal that toppled a president, has died. He was 95.

Felt died Thursday of congestive heart failure in Santa Rosa of

WATERGATE/A6



Animal movies get growls or 2 paws up

By Tina G. Santos

AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE, the animal rights group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta), has chosen the good, the bad, and the in-between movies about animals and urges shoppers to keep the bad ones off their Christmas DVD list.

"There was no shortage of movies

ANIMAL/A6

Inventor, 82, gets 20 years for estafa

By Allison W. Lopez

DANIEL DINGEL, THE 82-YEAR-OLD INVENTOR of the controversial water-powered car, has been convicted of estafa and sentenced to a maximum of 20 years imprisonment by the Parañaque Regional Trial Court.

He was also ordered by the court to pay $380,000 as actual damages.

Dingel, who has never revealed the secret to his invention which he began in 1969, questioned the verdict but said he did not mind going to jail because he was already old. At press time, he remained at large.

"Hindi ko naman kailangan ng pera (I don't need the money). I had bigger offers but I never took them. I never asked the government for a single centavo ... I just want to help," he said.

Dingel was found guilty of stashing $410,000 in research and development funds from Dr. John

INVENTOR/A6



NO NEED TO GAS UP Filipino inventor Daniel Dingel brings his working water car prototype to the office of his lawyer, Frank Chavez, in Makati. He lets other lawyers in the law firm drive his car.

Thrill to RP's chill; visit 'Little Alaska'

By Delmar Cariño Inquirer Northern Luzon

ATOK, BENGUET—EXACTLY HOW cold is below 10 degrees Celsius?

An approximation may be gleaned from current media reports on the occurrence of frost in Benguet. But a visit to "Little

THRILL/A6

Zimbabwe $10-B note worth US$20

HARARE—ZIMBABWE'S CENTRAL bank has introduced a 10-billion Zimbabwe dollar banknote, worth $20 on the black market, to try to ease desperate cash shortages, state-run media said on Friday. (See related story in The World, Page A22.)

Prices are doubling every day

ZIMBABWE/A6

Senate to probe why 7 Legacy banks went bankrupt

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE SENATE WILL OPEN AN INVESTIGATION in January into the issue of seven troubled rural banks which early this month either unilaterally declared a bank holiday or were shut down by central bank authorities because of questionable bank practices.

Before adjourning for a monthlong Christmas break last Wednesday, the plenary referred Senate Resolution 832 introduced by Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago to the Senate committee on banks, financial institutions and currencies.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Edgardo J. Angara, will start the probe as soon as Congress reopens in January.

The banks which unilaterally declared a bank holiday on Dec. 11 were the Philippine Countryside Rural Bank, based in Cebu, Dynamic Bank (Rural Bank of Calatagan) in Batangas, San Pablo City Development Bank in Laguna and the Nation Bank in Bicol City.

On the same day, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas added three more rural banks to the distressed list: Rural

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Bomb found after GMA visit

ILIGAN CITY—PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday condemned as "barbaric" the killing of two people in Thursday's twin blasts at two Iligan City department stores, as fear of more bombings gripped residents of the city.



Environmentalist hails SC verdict on Manila Bay

Subic architect hits black prop

Half a million peace volunteers for Metro—PNP

Reds declare 5-day holiday ceasefire


BDO
Branch Banking
This holiday season, we're ready to serve you at more branches nationwide.
Because keeping your family's Christmas traditions is more important than money.
See or call your branch for detailed holiday schedules from December 26-31, 2008.
We find ways

Legacy pre-need firm files for dissolution

Claims amount to P1.6B

Legacy group owner accused of operating a 'scam'

Owner of 13 banks

'Double your money'

Coup de grace

Death threats

Senate to probe why 7 Legacy banks went bankrupt

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Oil price hits low of $36 per barrel

Production cut by 7%

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RP seeks help in probe of Ebola-Reston in pigs







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Lover's complaint gets judge in trouble

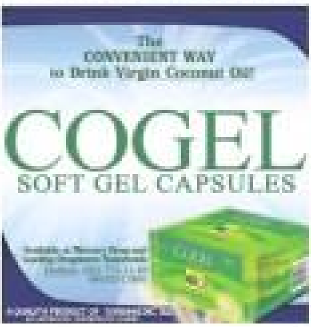
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'Mikey led CARP landlord lobby,' says Satur



THE FACE OF ANGER.



ACCUSER.



NO. 1 SUSPECTED ANTI-CARP LOBBYIST.

'Why blame me?'

Unacceptable compromise

Final wording

Negros-Enrile agreement

Hands off

To the high court

It's in Constitution

Inventor, 82, gets 20 years for estafa

Unique device

No replies

Hoax

Guilty

Ploy

Negros teacher bet only ₱50 to win ₱121M

'It's a lie'

Super Lotto winners

Another P20 bet

'Trust in the game'

RP workers in Taiwan last to know of bad news

By Kristine L. Alave

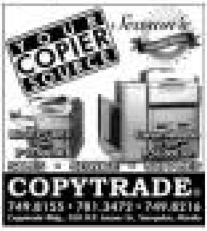
Up to 6,000 to lose jobs

Pay cuts

Going bankrupt

Other opportunities abound

Infrastructure projects





Iraq still deadliest place for journalists; RP ranks low at solving killings

AP

41 killed worldwide

RP radio journalists

The Daily Gospel

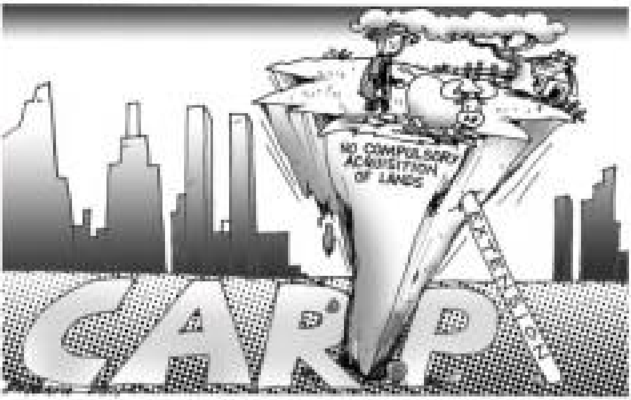




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Padded budgets

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Agrarian reform and social protection

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Randy David



Champions of the poor?

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Solita Collas-Monsod



The role of business in fighting corruption

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Mahar Mangahas

Use those library hubs

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Good news, but not for the fainthearted

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A happy day

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A story of two families

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Which is more dishonorable?

LETTERS

DPWH acting on E. Samar's roads

'MV Doña Paz's orphan' finds joy

'Twas Lozada who said it, not Neri

Anti-Cha-cha rally: real rage was against organizers

Not against stem cell research

World-renowned architect a Payumo lackey?

How to deal with HIV risk among Filipino MSM

Across the NATION

30,000 families return to Lanao homes

By Nikko Dizon

NEARLY ALL FAMILIES IN LANAO DEL NORTE displaced by the four-month old military offensive against recalcitrant commanders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) have returned to their homes, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) said yesterday.

Improved peace

New republic



PEASANT BELEN

Mayor appeals for safer boat for Cagayan town

Gov't men in Pampanga, Vizcaya to get windfall

DENR to survey Boracay lots for titling

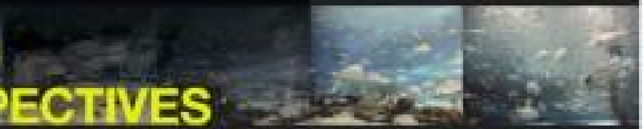
By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas



WHITE SAND Boracay's main attraction.

Tacloban becomes 1st highly urbanized Eastern Visayan city

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas



A NIGHT OF NEW PERSPECTIVES

Marketing leaders and advertising bigwigs flocked to Manila Ocean Park last November 28 to witness the unveiling of the 21st Philippine Advertising Congress with the theme, "Perspectives: Ano sa tingin mo?/What do you think?)".

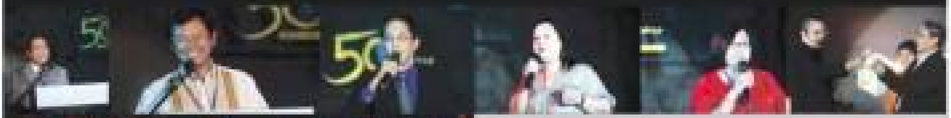
Charmaine Canillas, PANA President and AdBoard Chairman, expressed her excitement as she announced that PANA will be the host of next year's biggest advertising event.

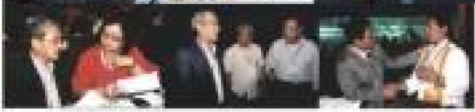
A quick view on what to expect in the upcoming AdCon was shared by Margot Torres, PAC Chairperson and McDonald's VP for Marketing. She revealed that the congress will be held once again in the country's summer capital, Baguio City, which will also be celebrating its centennial year. The 21st PAC will have the "grandest exhibit" ever as its centerpiece and will be graced by Fernando Zobel de Ayala as keynote speaker.

Throughout the night, guests were challenged to give their own perspective by asking them fun yet thought-provoking questions like, "Who would you rather be for a day: Brad Pitt or Barack Obama?". The most creative answers were awarded with special prizes. The night was concluded with an impressive magical performance by Eric Mana - clearly demonstrating that things can be much more than what they appear. It's just a matter of perspective.

AND SA TINGIN MO?

To register and to know more about the 21st Philippine Advertising Congress, visit www.adcon.com.ph





INQUIRER Visayas





Leyte house offers Christmas fantasy

By Vicente Labro
Palo, Leyte

'I want people to enjoy the collection. I believe that when you see something (good) you will have a positive outlook in life'

FOR 20 YEARS NOW, THE Saloeen family in Palo, Leyte, has been opening the doors of their house to thousands of visitors, especially children, so they can share the joy of celebrating Christmas.

Since the 1980s

Foreign festivals



Artistic arrangement

Big Christmas cards

New additions



THE FAÇADE of the Saloeen residence whose ground floor is converted into the Saloeen Christmas Fantasy House every Christmas season in the past 20 years.

Pupils play Santa to kids with serious diseases, or sick parents

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City



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'Dugo-dugo' gang strikes, gets P40M

Maid of ex-Malabon mayor duped into handing over cash, jewelry

THE FAMILY OF FORMER MALABON MAYOR Amado Vicencio fell prey to the "Dugo-dugo" gang, losing over P40 million in jewelry and cash on Thursday afternoon.

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Cheap goods, veggies sold at 'Agri-Pasko' fairs in Metro

QC gov't orders temporary suspension of raids, inspections of shops, stores





MANDALUYONG GIFT-GIVING

MetroBriefs

Still unclaimed

Found dead in Manila

Found dead in Makati

Slay case suspect held

Transport activists stage 'shoe protest'

'Light a million homes' project launched

Robbed, then shot

A Christmas message

On Target
Ramon Tulfo



UK court rejects enforcement of premup pacts

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Ceasefire in Gaza over; violence expected to rise

[illegible]

Iraq crackdown politically motivated?

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NOEL, nephew of TV reporter Muntazer al-Zaidi, during a protest by Zaidi's relatives demanding his release from jail on Dec. 19.

Shoe-thrower apologizes, seeks pardon

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The WORLD



NO REINDEER, BUT POOR GET GIFTS DELIVERED ANYWAY

Bush eyes 'orderly' auto bankruptcy

WASHINGTON—THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION is looking at "orderly" bankruptcy as a possible way to deal with the desperately ailing US auto industry, the White House said on Thursday as carmakers readied more plant closings and a half-million new jobless claims underscored the deteriorating national economy.

Zimbabwe has collapsed —US envoy





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Arigo, Tigers rally to oust Barako

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Pacquiao, Hatton close to sealing match date



PACQUIAO: Hatton next?

Fight between P4P champ, top brawler likely in Vegas

RP cagers set up semis duel vs Macau

Tañamor finds own measure of redemption



TAÑAMOR

SPORTSWATCH

Marikina age-group chess championship on

NBTC: Smart-Manila, B-Meg Pasig prevail

SJC 5-cock derby final elimination round today

Premier sex pop pill could've saved Oscar?

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad

Tagaytay chessers share Handuraw lead



Archers shoot down Eagles to take huge Match Play lead

By Marcus R. Carillo

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PBL today: Hapee faces Pharex five

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PHAREX will look to the likes of Ronnie Matias (middle) when it goes up against Hapee Toothpaste today.

VOLVO GOLF

Lascuña trails by 2

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Paeng as PBC chief?

By Marc Anthony Reyes

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Rivero captures Asean tilt gold

[illegible]



DONATION. Philippine Basketball Association commissioner Renauld "Sonny" Barrios (left) hands over the league's donation for the Children's Hour to Children's Hour board chair Bienvenido Tan. [illegible]

Boracay hosts 'merged' regatta

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SPORTS

Roy sparks Blazers

Torches Suns with career-high 52; Nelson shines as Magic zap Spurs

PORTLAND—GUARD Brandon Roy exploded for a career-high 52 points to inspire the Portland Trail Blazers to a 124-119 win over the visiting Phoenix Suns on Thursday.

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BRANDON Roy (right) goes for a lay-up against Steve Nash in the third period on the way to completing a three-point play

NFL

Manning leads Colts to playoffs

[illegible]

Ikeda rules Singapore junior golf

[illegible]



New York gets a new pair of aces

THINGS are looking up for the Yankees after signing pitchers AJ Burnett (left) and CC Sabathia.

Yankees unveil new pitchers Sabathia, Burnett

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BUSINESS

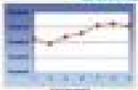
Gov't, Ashmore sign deal on Petron sale

San Miguel seen acquiring 51% stake 'next week'

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT finalizing the sale of its 40-percent stake in Petron Corp. to a unit of British investment fund Ashmore Group for P25.7 billion.

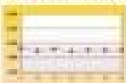
Peso weakens to 46.91 to a dollar

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STOCK MARKET

Stocks close flat



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Satellite Internet venture readied

New deal on Aboitiz Transport signed

Benguet Corp. to reopen Batong Buhay mine

Megaworld sees ₱1.4-B sales from new project

Peso weakens to 46.91 to a dollar

Gov't, Ashmore sign deal …

Gov't posted budget gap of ₱4.3B in November

Revenue collection down 26.5%, expenditure up by 20.3%

By Michelle V. Remo

Aboitiz Power increases notes issue to ₱3.9B

By Abigail L. Ho

RLC to develop 5.2-ha Magnolia property in QC



FARMERS in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao harvest ginger (Zingiber officinale Roscoe). Farmgate prices of mature ginger range from P25 to P35 per kilo. USAid's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) program, through its Targeted Commodity Expansion Program (TCEP), has provided growers in conflict-affected areas in the region with training in improved ginger production technology and marketing.

US to donate $24.6M worth of soybean meal

By Amy R. Remo

Aurora, Mabalacat LGUs put up offices in Clark

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

ISM lowers price, amends terms of offering


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Property

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang

UNFAZED BY FINANCIAL CRISIS

Developers build more condos

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

WITH THE NUMBER of condominium developments rising in Metro Manila, you may wonder if the country is even worried about facing the global financial crisis whose brunt here in the Philippines is projected to take place early next year.

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SIX medium-rise condos are set to rise on Edsang Street in Pasig City

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Up to P1.6 million

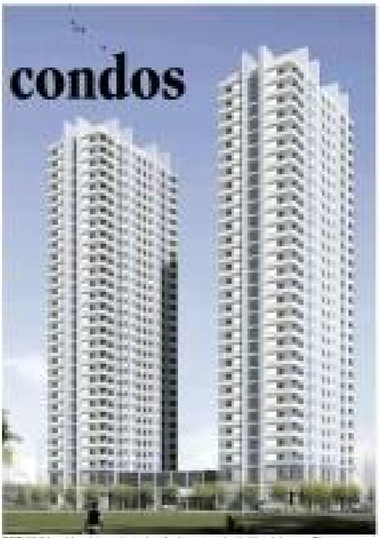
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Premium residences

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Collaboration

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PREMIUM residential condo project is also set to rise in Mandaluyong City

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SCIENCE/HEALTH

FOR HEALTHY, ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY HOLIDAYS

Forego meat, docs advise public

'Slow suicide months'

Protein found in malunggay

New toothpaste simulates dentist's cleaning agent

Also enhanced

Helping others, healing oneself

MEDICAL FILES

Rafael Castillo, M.D.



Cope with the 'holiday blues'

Give the gift of pleasure at Manhattan Garden City



MANHATTAN Garden City residents will enjoy shopping all year round at the posh Gateway Mall.

Direct link to train stations

Pools



THE GIFT of pleasure is yours to have at Manhattan Garden City, which boasts the highest concentration of amenities among residential condominium developments.

The Beacon progresses right on track

Unique location

Maiden project



CONSTRUCTION work for the first tower is in full swing.

Finding the right Avida for you

Condo living

Community living

Eco-living

Robinsons Land pioneers mixed-use format in key cities

Mixed-use projects



CYBER 1 and 2



ORTIGAS at night

Anchor Land continues tradition of excellence with Sole Mare Parksuites

From a flyer

Project features

Laguna lakeshore project: a new take on urban development

A giant leap

Environmental protection



A key element in promoting energy awareness

GREEN ARCHITRENDS



Amado de Jesus



ENERGY awareness can be improved by getting top management involved in the company's energy management plan. Shown is Singapore Post, this year's winner in the Asean Energy Awards retrofitted category.

Improving energy awareness

What's next?

Landmark Communities partners with LCDC

Full-blast construction

One of the giants



Play the game of life at Manhattan Garden City





PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang

Botong and Lucio: The two Higantes of Angono



From Botong Francisco's epic murals to Maestro Lucio San Pedro's grand opuses – just like its Higantes, everything in Angono is larger than life.

Only minutes away from the city, the peaceful town of Angono is home to some of the most influential figures in Philippine art such as Maestro Lucio San Pedro whose music, according to critics, defines creative nationalism-one that fuses art and patriotism. Famous for his works like Sa Ugoy ng Duyan, Sa Mahal Kong Bayan, and Lahing Kayumanggi, he was able to depict the Filipino soul and values with his symbolic lyrics and dreamy rhythm.

Surrounded by breathtaking views of Laguna de Bay and the rugged Sierra Madre mountains, it's no wonder that Maestro Lucio cites Angono's picturesque views Laguna de Bay and Mount Hamtuhan as he among his inspirations. Angono's musical giant reached his zenith when he was awarded the National Artist award in 1991.

From one Angono-born National Artist to another, Carlos "Botong" Francisco is considered as one of the pillars of Philip-

BOTONG/B3



"Today, a new generation of creative artists such as the Angono Artists Association, Angono Ateliers Association, and the Neo-Angono Artists Collective guards and continues the Cradle of Philippine Art's artistic heritage through various art expressions that highlight the richness and diversity of Angono's contemporary art"

Botong and Lucio:
The two Higantes of Ang



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pines art because of his works like Muslim Wedding, Bayanihan, and Kasek which captured the resilience and grace of Filipinos. But aside from creating art, Botong also seeks it out like in the case of the Angono Petroglyphs which he was credited on discovering in the 1960s.

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All these serve as proof that Angono, Antipolo, Rizal serve as home to art and music enthusiasts who dream of following the footsteps of its two Higantes. And in their aim to fulfill the Filipino dream - especially that of aspiring artists - Filinvest Legacy has just found another reason to celebrate Angono by creating a haven for aspiring artists at Havila.

Much more than just a block of bricks or a mass of concrete, Havila is a conduit for the Filipino dream. "At the end of the day, the only question we ask ourselves is whether or not we have fulfilled our responsibility to the real people who live in the cities, communities and homes that we have created," shares Ms Rome Tan, project group head for Havila.

Only 12 kilometers away from the Ortigas Business District, Havila's strategic location makes it a gateway to the East, where every aspiring Filipino artist's dream of a more enriched life, surrounded by magnificent landscapes become a reality. With majestic views of Mt. Daraitan and Laguna de Bay, Havila proves to be the perfect place to see, hear, breathe and experience the creative spirit.

With its four residential communities - Highlands Pointe, Mission Hills, Forest Farms and Villa Montserrat - that are designed to provide the needs of its residents different lifestyles, Havila is also equipped with recreational facilities, schools and different commercial and leisure establishments to complement Filinvest Legacy's ideals of giving their residents a holistic living experience.

"Like everyone else, we thought that it was just a coincidence how all these artistic souls converged in Angono - that is until we saw the place itself," adds Tan. "At first sight, we understood how the ruggedly beautiful landscapes of Angono were able to inspire two of its greatest sons, Botong Francisco and Maestro Lucio San Pedro."

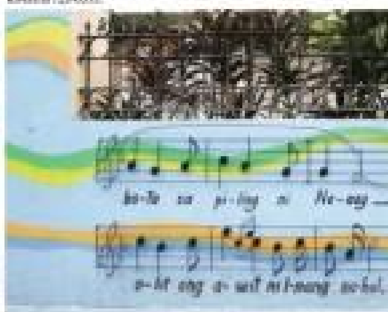
With Havila's commitment to nurture every aspiring Filipino artist's dream through a township that brings together the artist and its muse, the Cradle for Philippine Art might have more than two Higantes like Maestro Lucio San Pedro and Carlos "Botong" Francisco in the future.

Havila is a township surrounded by art and nature under Filinvest Legacy that's only 12 kilometers away from the Ortigas Business District. For more information, please call 856-7780 or contact Havila Sales Head Baby Rivera at 722-6535.

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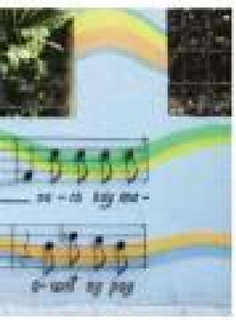


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...tional Artist to another, Carlos ...dered as one of the pillars of ...s works like Muslim Wedding, ...ch captured the resilience and





A diversity of living experiences in prime locations

Filinvest Legacy – Providing the Dream Home Your Family Deserves

Super LifeStyle
Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan
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New music phone accepting pre-orders

USERS CAN PRE-ORDER THE Nokia 5800 XpressMusic and be the first in the country to own it.

Log on to http://www.nokia.com.ph. Pre-orders can be claimed in early January 2009.

The first 50 claimed pre-orders will receive a free Nokia BH-208 headset and VIP passes for two to the Nokia 5800 [illegible] Playlist Party on Jan. 23 at A Venue Hall, Makati.

Next 200 claimed pre-orders get an access pass to the party.

The attractions of Nokia 5800 XpressMusic include:

- Exclusive access to [illegible] highly awaited album "13 Reasons to Love," which is preloaded on the music player.
- Access to preloaded and downloadable content from Universal Music and Nokia Indie Artists Club.
- Has the industry's best built-in stereo speakers with surround sound.
- Includes all the music essentials: 8GB of memory (up to 6,000 tracks), 3.5mm jack, a graphic equalizer and supports all main digital music formats.
- Has easy access to Share on Ovi, Facebook, MySpace and YouTube for seamless sharing with friends.
- Has a [illegible] bar with one-touch access to the Music Player, Gallery, Nokia Music Store and web/messaging.
- It has the stylus plectrum or touch screen with traditional mobile phone keypad or qwerty keyboard.
- Has tactile feedback so one has a better feel for operating the user interface.
- [illegible] and [illegible] use.
- Supports flash content so you're not limited to only part of the Web.
- Has a high quality 3.2 megapixel camera with Carl Zeiss lens for still photos and supports VGA film video recording.
- Has the familiar S60 UI used by more than 100 million consumers globally.



NOKIA 5800 XpressMusic





Super



MAKE GRANDMA LAUGH. Stunt granny, P1,350. Available at Debenhams.



SHOWER SINGER. Microphone Shower Radio, P795. Available at Debenhams.

Hot finds for the holidays

Skip the boring and go for the fun, quirky, even silly

By Pam Pastor

You hate boring gifts—the kind of gift you throw into the back of your closet and never look at again. And when you're shelling out good money for presents, you want to make sure you pick gifts that your loved ones will appreciate.

There are only five days left before Christmas. Stop running around the malls like a headless chicken. We've done the hard work for you—we've found gifts that are so cool you should give them to someone this season.

Some are cute, some are silly, some are funny. And they're all worthy of being given to someone this Christmas.





BATTLE OF THE BELLIES. Radio-controlled sumo wrestlers, P1,750. Available at Debenhams.



FRUITCAKE THEY'LL ACTUALLY KEEP.



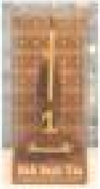
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LITTLE DRUMMER PEN.



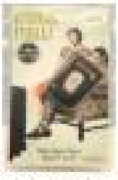
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FOR THE OC.



DUCK TALES.



COUCH POTATO TOOL.

Practical presents

Hard times mean that useful gifts will be greatly appreciated

By Bianca Consunji



























Fashion in the future tense



> 'The good plain look is my favorite look,' said Warhol

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORnia—Like you, I've got a condition called future nostalgia. I long for the good old days when the future was cool.

[illegible]

Faux past

[illegible]

Think piece

[illegible]



Free style

[illegible]

I always remember what Andy Warhol said: "The good plain look is my favorite look."

SHOP AND WIN EVERY HOUR AT THE SM BALIWAG DEPARTMENT STORE

Shoppers at the newly opened SM Department Store at SM City Baliwag will not only enjoy its wonderful ambience and great finds, but also have a chance to be one of 180 winners of P5,000 worth of gift cards every hour from December 12-31, 2008.

Every P500 purchase until December 31 entitles one to a raffle coupon and a chance to win P5,000 worth of gift cards in this hourly promotion. The more you shop, the more chances you'll have of winning in this exciting store opening promotion.

You'll definitely have a relaxing shopping experience at the 13,000 square meter department store with its bright modern interiors that give the store its casual and cozy ambience. The store's creative merchandise displays, wide aisles, visually appealing in-store graphics, and play of lights enhance the shopping experience.

You'll have an exciting time checking out the holiday finds in the two-level department store. There are a whole lot of fashion choices in the Ladies, Mens, and Teenwear departments in the Ground Floor, where the Beauty, Stationery and Supplies, Snack Exchange, and Record Bar departments can also be found.

Shoe lovers of all ages will be delighted checking out the selections at the Second Floor, where the Mens, Ladies, Teens, and Children's shoes departments are located. Discover more fabulous finds at the Second Floor at the Bags and Luggage sections.

There's everything for the family at the Second Floor. [illegible] can check out the DIY tools at the Hardware Workshop, while moms will have wonderful ways of creating gracious homes with items from SM Homeworld. It's also a kid's heaven at the Second Floor, where one can find clothes for toddlers, kids and teens, as well as fun items from the Baby Company, Children's Accessories, Character Shop, and Toy Kingdom Express.

Also in-store at SM Baliwag is SM's customer service that goes beyond the shopping experience. The store has well-trained personnel, efficient check-out counters, and services like foreign exchange, bills payments, show tickets.

Shop and win every hour this December at the SM Department Store in Baliwag!



CLEAN lines and new lighting concepts make shopping more enjoyable at the SM Baliwag Department Store.



EXPLORE the new and exciting Department Store in SM City Baliwag.



LITTLE girls will enjoy a whole range of stylish shoes that come in all colors and styles.



HAVE a glam holiday with SM's stunning collection of stylish evening shoes from Parisian.



TOTE an elegant quilted bag from the Bags section of SM Baliwag.



KIDS will have a party with SM's wide selection of children's accessories.

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Let the lords of dogtown in!

Streets of Metro Manila have a growing attraction—cool dudes skateboarding

By Penelope Endozo
Photos by Joseph Agcaoili

FOR THE FIRST TIME in Manila's urbanscape, a professional team of international skateboarders chose to test the metro's asphalt lanes and steel bars for their action videos, leaving their tracks on fire and their Pinoy fans asking for more.

Pro-skateboarders David Gravette, Chima Ferguson, Chris Pfanner and Brandon Westgate visited 'unsure skate spots' such as the UP Diliman Campus and A. Mabini Sports Centre in Quezon City, Bonifacio High Street in Taguig, Cultural Center of the Philippines in Roxas Boulevard, Cubao, Pasig and Makati.

With no official skate park for boarders to roll, most groups resort to the streets and public domain, having others worried over damage to property and people. The Volcom Team video were even chased by the guards from Boni High Street until they secured a permit.

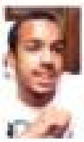
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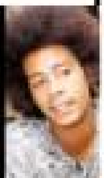
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PERSONAL graffiti are etched on the pro skaters' boards.



Let the lords of dogtown in!

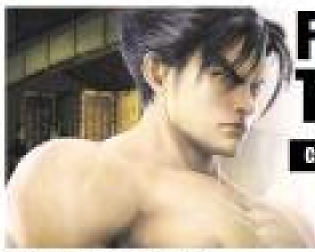
Skaters are not outlaws. They're just kids trying to have fun

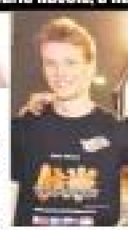




Filipin
Tekke

Carlo Racela, a nu





Ready — fight!

Carlo vs Andrew

From page D1

Outlaws!

"The media perception is that skaters are outlaws, but they're actually not. They're just kids trying to have some fun and skate," says Freddie Gonzalez, president of Aloha Boardsports, which organized the team's "Baker Bahala" Tour in the Philippines. "It's like art to them."

Baker Bahala compares the art of digesting the notorious Pinoy street food as a challenge, the same way skateboarding is. These young guns are serious in keeping their edge; Tenorio shared that pros like him practice daily and change boards every three to four days.

The four-man team all said they just "want to skate every day," treating their boards like extensions of their anatomy. Since they now do it for a living, they couldn't see themselves "doing anything else."

These sidewalk surfers sail through convex and concave ramps in many parts of the world, including the virtual ones where they star in their own video games, too. Gravette said, however, that as much as he enjoys the world now, a part of him doesn't want to "think of the future," as players come to terms with age earlier in this sport than in others.

Skate spot

Volcom and Aloha Boardsports prepared a makeshift skate spot for a demo in the middle of Tagaytay, gathering Pinoy skateboarders from 11 to 30 years old—all ready to cruise with the pros.

[illegible]

Unfortunately, Tenorio couldn't get the spring in his steps because he [illegible], which he called "the first new trick to be learned in the Philippines." To the crowd's delight, he pulled out insane exhibition tricks up his sleeves as he turned, turned and kicked the board on one foot while holding a can of beer.

Although largely popular in western countries, the sport gets little attention in the country. The Pinoy population-on-skateboards is splinty but distributed in different cities across the nation.



[illegible] cuts in mid flip.

Change of turf

Skateboarding started in California in early 1970s when surfers were [illegible] due to drought. Locals made mini-boards with wheels and invaded private empty swimming pool bowls as they drained away.

It took time before the trend found its followers in the Philippines, but when it did in the '80s, it became an alternative outdoor activity for many. For these riders, the best compliment is to be looked up to—literally, while turning a trick in the air.

Aloha Boardsports Inc. is the exclusive distributor for premier boardsports products like Volcom, Dakine and Lost. For inquiries, call 890.7332 or visit them at L/03, Power Plant Mall, Makati City.

> These sidewalk surfers sail through convex and concave ramps in many parts of the world



[illegible]O wins international [illegible]n 6 competition

[illegible]se, just plays the game as "a pastime"



WINNERS: Kim, Racela, Chan and [illegible] the Gladiators



CARLO Racela receives the trophy from Tekken creator Katsuhiro Harada.

[illegible] managed to shatter Kim.

Every time Rob landed a power punch on Law, the crowd erupted into a roar. [illegible] someone in the audience said.

Racela won every match in the championship and was declared the winner of the first International Tekken 6 competition.

Racela, a [illegible] who just plays as "a pastime," has been playing since Tekken 3. He has joined local competitions before this, but never on an international level. He has heard of Kim and even seen some of the videos. He never imagined he'd play against him, much less beat him.

The crowd cheered as Racela took to the stage as he received the grand prize. Kim, a gracious 1st runner-up, smiled on the sidelines. Racela and the rest of his team were still signing autographs as the sounds of a busy Saturday afternoon [illegible] through Timezone.

Tekken 6 has arrived. Let the fight begin.



THE CROWD at Timezone cheers for the home team.



QLE AWARDS

The point is the music




THREE KINGS: Quark, Luis and Erwin



The winners of the QLE Awards

Albums of the year

Songs of the year

Videos of the year

Live acts of the year

Best new artists

Comeback of the year

Best album covers

Artists of the year

Up Dharma Down


ARTIST OF THE YEAR: Armi Millare of Up Dharma Down

> You will not see winners declaring other winners in any other awards show—only at QLE

Not a surprise

Family affair

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2BU SURVEY

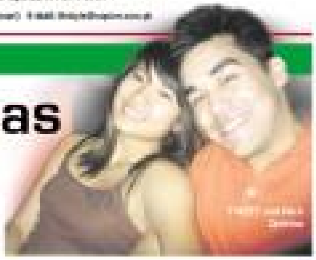
What I would do this Xmas

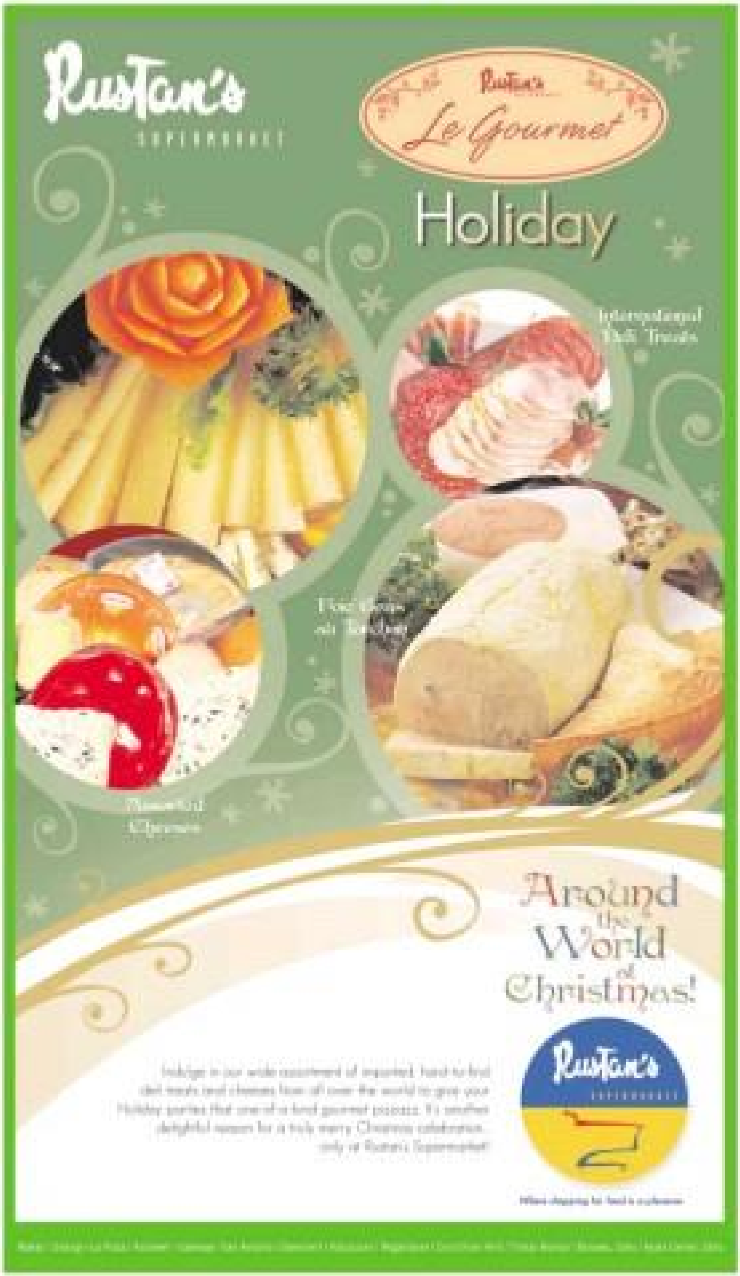
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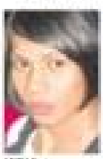
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THE BEST WAY TO CELEBRATE Christmas is still with the family: giving your folks a big hug at the stroke of 12, exchanging gifts with siblings or visiting grandparents and the rest of the clan.

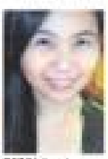
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Where to Stop Where to Go

Starting the Holidays right with Makati Shangri-La



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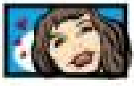
Marco Polo Davao: 10 years of exceeding expectations

Fantastic deal at Grande Island Resort in Subic

Sulo Hotel's Christmas feast packages

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She wants a much-simpler wedding



Nowhere was it said that weddings should cost a bajillion bucks

What I would do this Xmas...



Tours, Leisure & Chow

Grand Christmas at Hyatt Hotel and Casino

TAKE A SPIN AT DUSIT THANI MANILA'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS DAY BRUNCH



Malayan Plaza's Christmas treat

New Year's eve salsa dance party at The Century Park Hotel



CELEBRATING school pride

UP studes pose nude for school centennial

And to get Time magazine's attention to feature the university in its pages

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Pride

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GOOFING off for the photographers

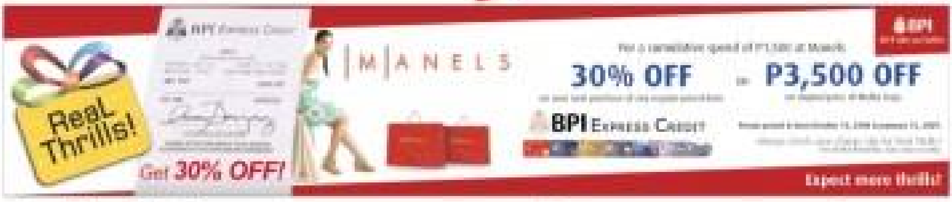


STUDENTS, faculty and alumni embody the Oblation



IT'S raining men

super LifeStyle



Behold the new-generation camera phone

The Samsung Pixon M880 takes the concept to a whole new level

By [illegible]

THE LATEST INNOVATION from Samsung takes the concept of camera phones to a whole new level. It features an 8-megapixel camera with advanced functions, and photo and video uploading functions.

The Pixon M880 has Intelligent Imaging Features such as Fine Advanced Shake Reduction, Face Recognition and Auto Contrast Balance. With up to 4GB internal memory, the pictures in your library can be easily browsed using the Photo Browser, which categorizes snapshots by time, color tone, and composition. It also has a built-in Flash for low light and backlit scenes.

Other fun features of the Pixon are the Automatic Panorama Shot for those landscape shots, and the Smile Shot and Blink Shot features for the perfect barkada shots.

The Face Tagging Service is very useful in sorting pictures through face recognition and by location through GPS Geo-tagging.

The built-in Share program allows for uploading photos and videos to popular Web 2.0 websites such as Flickr, Facebook, Blogger, Wordpress and Twitter, among others.

Music files

Because we'll always need music, the Pixon M880 more than plays music files. It has the Music Recognition Feature, where it lets you record a sample of a new song (maybe through the FM Radio Recording feature). Pixon will then access its online database to help you identify the song, maybe even buy it online.

At the end of the day, the Pixon M880 is still a phone. The touch-screen and 3.2" LCD makes for a sleek, stylish look that fits in the palm of your hand.

Widgets, the desktop icon-like application shortcuts, keeps everything simple with one touch. Internet browsing and video calling are available through the 3G platform, and you can connect the phone to your computer and TV.

Save yourself from choking on all these changes for different gadgets by getting the new Samsung Pixon M880.

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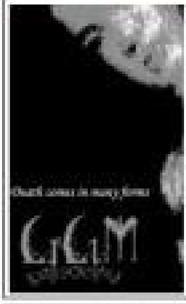
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Head to Mogwai tonight for Lomomania's Cinemalomo

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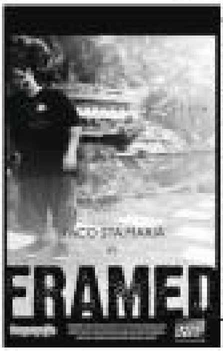


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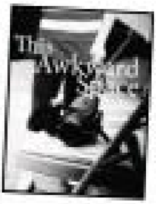


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THIS AWKWARD SPACE

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SM City Baliwag Opens

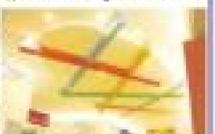












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Three cheers to beer

A rundown of the various brews out there

By Mon Guinto

Contributor



ICE-COLD beer

San Miguel Pale Pilsen

San Miguel Light

San Miguel Super Dry

San Miguel Strong Ice

San Miguel Premium

Cerveza Negra San Miguel

Colt 45 (Asia Brewery Inc.)

Red Horse Extra Strong Beer (San Miguel Beer)

Coors Light (Asia Brewery Inc.)

Corona Extra (Imported - Mexico)

Heineken (Imported - Dutch)

Tsing Tao (Imported - China)

Guinness Draught (Imported - Ireland)

Icemen cometh

So you want your beer cold?

Warning







REVIEW:

Chicken lethal

Gerry Alanguilan unleashes an entirely new breed of graphic animal with the conclusion of his magnificent comic book 'Elmer'



[illegible]



IN THIS WORLD, fowl and man live side-by-side.

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Chicken war

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Honoring fallen soldiers through their children

Ayala Land president Jimmy Ayala burst into tears while addressing the Hero Foundation





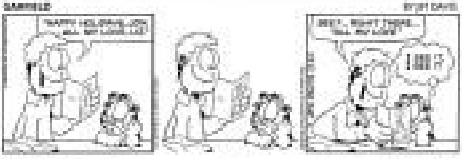
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The foundation was established

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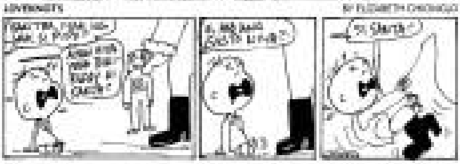
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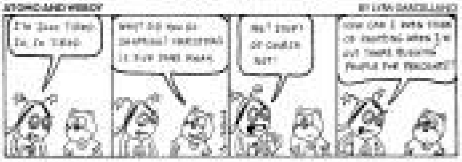




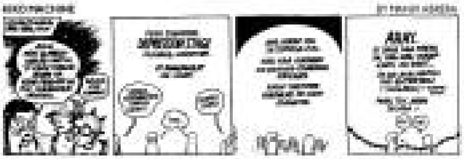


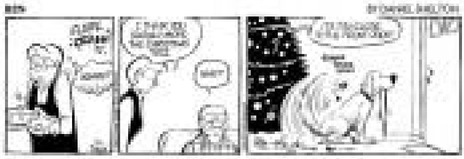




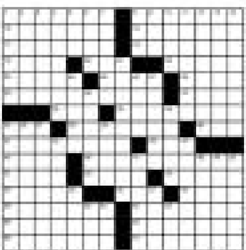


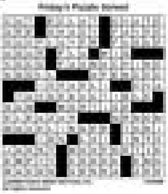






Daily Crossword





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Difficulty Level ★★★★

How to play Su Doku

FIELD TRIP

Why not the ZOO these holidays?

Take the trip to Zoobic Safari for a wild time your parents would approve of

By Pam Pastor
Photos by Jill Lejano

YES, WE KNOW. YOUR classmates act like animals sometimes. But if it's real animals you want to see, take a road trip to Subic and visit the Zoobic Safari.

A tour around the zoo takes a couple of hours, and the great thing is, you don't just get to look at animals in cages, you actually get to interact with them.

You can feed the crocs, get close to ostriches, waddle with ducks, pet goats and annoy the monkeys.

Walk through the different sections of the zoo—Close Encounters, Savannah, Rodent World, Serpentarium, Zoobic Park, Museorum and the creepy Croco Loco.

The zoo offers a bonus—a chance to get a taste of Aeta culture at the Aetas' Trail. You get to watch tribesmen dance before you face the challenge of the obstacle course in the Hip Hop Bay, a walk attraction of the area.

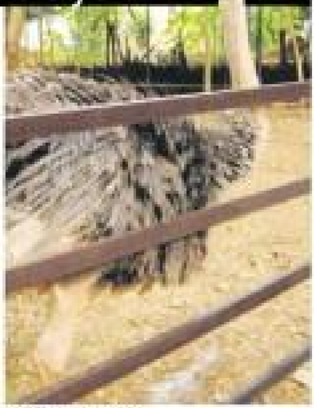
And if you're lucky (or smart—which you can be by going to the zoo on a weekend or holidays), you might even get to catch the animal show and parade, which feature an ape riding a miniature horse, poodles that dance and snatches their ... against their handlers.

But the one Zoobic Safari experience you must not miss is the Tiger Safari. The highlight of the trip? Buying raw chicken meat for tigers to feed on. There's nothing like watching tigers pounce on the caravan-made jeepney you are riding. It will teach you two things—that tigers are incredibly powerful and that steel grills might just be one of man's greatest inventions.

Zoobic Safari is located at Group 1 Ilanin Forest, Forest Adventure, Subic Bay Freeport Zone. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance fee is P395 per person, P295 for kids. Visit www.zoobic.com.ph or call (047) 252-2272; 399-9824; 895-71-82.



DON'T miss the Tiger Safari.



MAKE friends with an ostrich.



SEE the snakes at the Serpentarium.



TAKE a train ride around the zoo.



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MY LITTLE pony



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Live AIDS continues to be a rollicking ritual for the UP community



SATIRICAL skits and song and dance numbers are part of Live AIDS.



HIGH ENERGY production numbers characterize the show.

Honoring fallen soldiers through...

Heartfelt speech

Stories of triumph

SATURDAY Special

Charice, Sitti, JayR boost Christmas spirit with latest releases



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IF THE PREDICTABLE LINEUP OF THIS year's Metro Manila Film Festival doesn't encourage you to get your entertainment fix at the cineplexes this Christmas season, take heart: you can switch to music—at least, until after the festival of (mostly) ... is over.

This week, three new albums top our list: Sitti's "Ngayong Pasko," JayR's "Holiday of Love," and David Pomeranz and Friends' live concert recording, "You're the Inspiration," which features the much-talked-about performance of Charice Pempengco in the acclaimed musician's all-star concert.

JayR's "Holiday of Love" is an expanded version of last year's "Christmas Away From Home," and features six more tracks. Without a doubt, the young soul singer proves as one of the best pipes around; his technique and improvisational style are as polished as the quality of his silky voice and the clarity of his delivery.

The 13-song compilation has no throwaway tracks, but standouts include JayR's covers of "The Christmas Song," "This Christmas," "Do You See What I See?" and his a cappella version of "O Holy Night."

Adding sizzle to the lineup are his gifted guests: Kris Lawrence ("This Christmas"), Jhing ("Spread the Love") and Amber (in the playful "Santa Baby").

We're also seeing Sitti in a new light after listening to her Christmas album, "Ngayong Pasko," which is noteworthy for its

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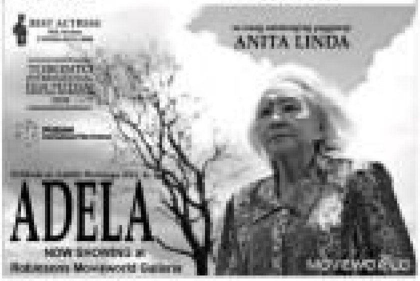
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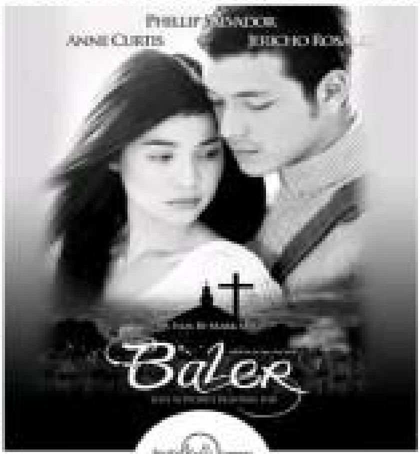
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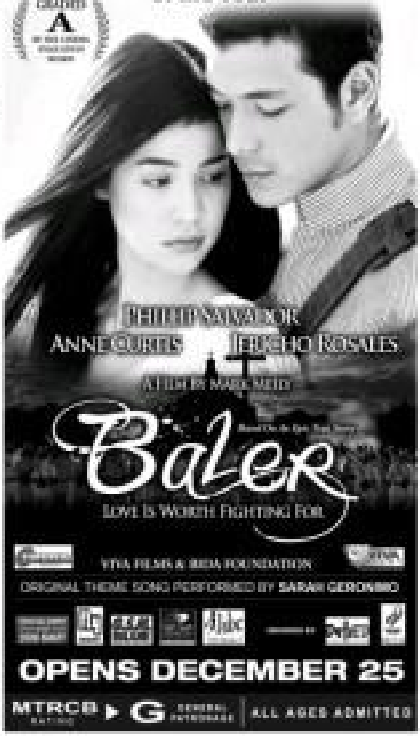
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Charice, Sitti, JayR boost . . .





musical diversity and fresh takes on popular Yuletide tunes. Yes, the Latin sound that brought her fame is still there ("Winter Wonderland"), but this time, the songs sound like they're inspired by Bing Feliciano more than Astrud Gilberto, especially in the carefree track, Lambert Boyce' "Sapayang Pasko."

Surprisingly, Sitti shines brightest when she veers away from the bossa nova beat...especially in the moving ballads, "Someday at Christmas" and "Grown-Up Christmas List." And, she soars even more in upbeat numbers like "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Boogie Woogie Santa Claus," in which her palpable spontaneous spirit is as catchy as Santa's laughter!



SITTI: Shines in upbeat numbers.

There's not a single Christmas song in David Foster's love recording, "You're the Inspiration," but the 12-track commemorative CD oozes with hope and Yuletide cheer. The album is doubly special for the followers of Charice Pempengco, who performs a show-stopping medley of Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" and "I Have Nothing" in the album.

The collection also includes inspired performances from Celine Dion, Katharine McPhee, Peter Cetera, Brian McKnight, Andrea Bocelli, Kenny G and Ron Isaacs.

But, the duets are even more notable: Josh Groban performs with Nikki night in "Bridge Over Troubled Water", Michael Bublé sings "Home" with Blake Shelton, and Bocelli collaborates with the charming McPhee in "The Prayer." You can't get any better than that!



JAYR: His first Christmas album.

Pickpocketeers, a running fever and other boob-tube booboos

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CAREY: Hopes for the world to turn itself around for the New Year

Mariah Carey, other stars share holiday plans, thoughts

Only IN Hollywood



Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—WE CONTINUE OUR feature on the holiday plans, thoughts and wishes of several stars we interviewed recently.

Mariah Carey

Like Beyoncé, Mariah dabbles in acting. In the indie film, "Tennessee," Mariah plays an aspiring singer who crosses paths with two brothers who are looking for their estranged father.

She shares: "I am hoping for peace, and for the world to turn itself around for the New Year. I'm going to be in Aspen, where I have been during the holidays for the past few years. I love it there! It's a really fun place to be!"

Emma Thompson

With her self-deprecating British humor, the Oscar-winning actress managed to give a hilariously memorable answer to our innocent question about the holidays. Emma and Dustin Hoffman recently earned acting nominations in the Golden Globe's Comedy/Musical category as struggling American jingle composer and London airport worker, respectively, who find middle-age love in "Last Chance, Harvey."

The actress, who turns 50 next year, lives in London and Scotland with her husband, actor Greg Wise, whom she met during the filming of "Sense and Sensibility."

"We live in Scotland, as well, so for me, holidays are spent there. That also means I don't wash my hair for six weeks (laughs). I go crazy in the river. Last summer, we were there for seven weeks. I wore one of my husband's old shirts and several pairs of his underwear. I washed them. They were nice and soft. I wore the shirt and underwear for the whole summer. We made hay. We planted things. We have a stove. We swam in the river (to grow closer), and I practically did, as well (laughs). It was most upsetting! When it's almost time to go back to London, the beard is coming along nicely but you think, 'I might have to shave soon!' That wild woman comes out and that's how I live my unprofessional life.

"I hope during the holidays, we get to continue that. We'll have Gaia, who's going to be 9 soon. We have an adopted 21-year-old from Rwanda, who's so flown. He benefits from the country life because he was a rural boy. It's very much an extremely tight-knit community in Scotland, so it's nice to spend the holidays there. Under these circumstances, you can't have any airs and graces at all.

"As for 2009, it's a difficult time. I must say that Barack Obama's election has changed things so much. I have an installation about sex trafficking, which we're going to open in New York. It's the kind of tedious that I'm hoping America will be able to embrace, as well, because there's a big problem with trafficking here in the US. So, that's a big project for 2009.

"As for my turning 50, we're also going to Scotland for that. My plan is to make a comic film about a woman who lives in the hills, and who doesn't believe that she's anywhere near 50. So, we're making a little film, together with our mates in Scotland, so that on my birthday, we have something that would make us laugh until we weep.

"To me, that would be a perfect way of spending my birthday. Laugh into the other, you know. I plan to spend it laughing a lot. We're making a new 'Nanny McPhee' movie so I've been writing that for a long time. That's a great passion of mine—writing something for children. It just brings me great joy! Then, I'm going to take a year off. So, enjoy because I'm not going to be back for a while (laughs)."

Dustin Hoffman

"We used to have a tradition on holidays. We went to Hawaii for a week when the kids were little. We stayed in a hotel where we could eat there and yes, they were still outdoors. Since they've grown, we no longer have that tradition. I don't know what's going to happen on Hanukkah or Christmas holidays, because our sons and daughters don't have plans yet. They let us know at the last minute. We don't have anything planned. I'm not a big holiday person, if I can be frank. I find it fatiguing (laughter). I always want to take a holiday after my holiday. I can't wait to get home, and I do love being home. To me, that's the most fun!

"As far as resolutions, it's the same ones all the time—learn another language, study more piano, read and write more, have more massages, manicures and pedicures. Basically, do those things that I never seem to get around to. I really would love to be able to speak more languages."

John Travolta

"Every year, we have a tradition of having Christmas at our house in Maine. It's a small group this year."

Kate Hudson

"I just want to take my time, enjoying my life. I'd like to see less negativity. Everybody's negative—especially in show business!"

E-mail rvnepales_1@yahoo.com, and read his blog, "The Nepales Report," on http://blogs.inquirer.net/nepalesreport.

SATURDAY Special



YULETIDE STORY FOR YOUNG READERS





Christmas is for all children

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Colorful decorations

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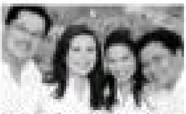
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LEAD stars (from left) De Leon, Zulueta, Laxa and Estrada

'Magkaibigan' pays tribute to Daboy

By Rusty M. Umenez

MILLENNIUM FILMS' OFFICIAL ENTRY to the Metro Manila Film Festival, "Magkaibigan," is topbilled by Christopher de Leon, Dawn Zulueta, Maricel Laxa and Jinggoy Estrada, and directed by Jose Javier Reyes.

The inspiration of "Magkaibigan" is the late Rudy "Daboy" Fernandez, Jinggoy's best friend. Estrada is producing the film as a tribute to the well-loved star. The film's blurb is apt: "Sa buhay, may mga bagay na

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Christmas is for all children

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orphanage. He was met by Sister Rose to inform her of an urgent meeting.

When she arrived at the orphanage, Nena was saddened when Sister Rose told her that, this year, nobody had expressed interest in "adopting" an orphan for Christmas. In Nena's many years as a volunteer, this was the first time that this had happened. She was very disappointed.

Sister Rose sadly narrated how she had called those who were "regulars" of the annual event, but all of them had declined, because they felt they couldn't afford to spend more because of the hard times.

"But they don't need to spend that much, they just need to give their time," Nena thought to herself, bewildered.

Sister Rose and Nena prayed that they would come up with something, so as not to disappoint the kids.

When December came, Noel was trying to figure out what gift he would bring to the Christmas party at school. He checked his belongings and found a toy he hadn't even used.

Meanwhile, the volunteers and staffers of the orphanage were planning their Christmas party for the kids. Despite the absence of families who'd spend time with the orphans, they still wanted to give the children the best Christmas ever!

When Nena came home, she sadly told Noel that no orphan would experience spending Christmas with a family this year.

Noel cried, because he wanted the children at the orphanage to be happy like him; his mom told him it would be alright, since the volunteers had prepared a fun party for them.

"And, you'll be there, so I'm sure the children will be happy if you play with them," said Nena, as she tried to comfort Noel.

Class party

"I have an idea!" Noel exclaimed. "I'll ask Miss Gomez to hold our class party at the orphanage! All the money we will be bringing for our exchange gifts will be shared with the kids at the orphanage, instead. That would be a lot of fun!"

Nena hugged Noel tightly and beamed, "You are such a good boy!"

As Noel prepared to go to school the following day, he remembered the Christmas décor he needed to bring for their classroom's Christmas tree. He went through his mom's boxes and found the old gift box he had seen her holding months ago. He opened the box and was surprised to see baby mittens and socks in it.

Puzzled look

As he was about to get the boxes to take to school, his mother came in. Seeing the puzzled look on Noel's face, Nena sat beside him and explained.

"These were yours. You wore them when you were brought to the orphanage. I hang them on our tree the first Christmas you came to this house."

Noel was touched. He knew that he was from the orphanage, but he never realized that his mom had treasured all these little things he wore as a baby. He kissed Nena and whispered, "Thanks, Ma."

He told his mom that he'd bring the mittens and socks to school and hang them on their Christmas tree.

"But those are not Christmas decorations," Nena pointed out. "They are, Ma," replied Noel. "Miss Gomez told us to bring something that makes our Christmas happy. These make me happy because these represent my very first Christmas with you!"

Nena smiled and kissed her precious boy.

When Noel told Miss Gomez about his plan, she was ecstatic. Soon, the news spread about the Christmas party at the orphanage, and all of the Grade 2 teachers and students pledged to join Miss Gomez's class!

Saturday came, and the entire orphanage was bustling with many, many children, orphans and students alike, laughing, singing and playing, just like one big, happy family.

Sister Rose and the volunteers were amazed at what they were witnessing: Children giving gifts and happily sharing their time with less fortunate kids. It was truly a magical Christmas for everyone!

Recalling the music of our youth



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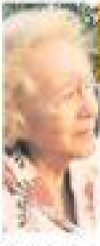
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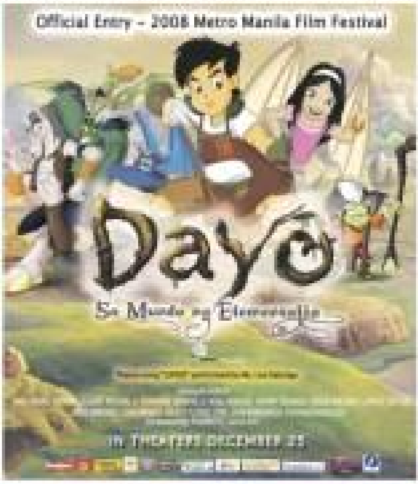
By Rito P. Asilo

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SATURDAY *Special*

Stellar cliffhangers at year's end



ROSALES: Needing like a hit movie to make for a convincingly successful comeback.

By Nestor U. Torre

THE NEXT FEW weeks and months are cliffhangers for some stars, whose career could soar or crash, depending on the outcome of their latest show-biz gambits.

For Jericho Rosales and Anne Curtis, their MMFF entry, "Baler," is a landmark production, for differing reasons. For Anne, the period film is a welcome showcase for her thespic chops, because she's its solo female lead.

Hiatus

"Baler" is an even bigger test and gamble for Jericho, because he's coming back after a hiatus in his career. The hiatus was the unfortunate result of the less than spectacular showing of his "Pedro Penduko" TV series, as well as a romantic distraction.

Jericho's comeback began with his recently concluded teleserye with Malaysian actress, Carmen Soo, "Kahit Isang Saglit." The show did well locally, and will soon be telecast in Malaysia, so things are looking up.

But, there's nothing like a hit movie to make for a convincingly successful comeback.

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'AI's' Ramiele Malubay comes home for special concert



MALUBAY: Explores her options in the local entertainment scene.

Vacation

Close friends

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Stellar cliffhangers at year's end



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New gambit



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MANGHIHIMANO FAIR TRADE STORE (RIGHT): Exceptional shopping opportunity.

Grand nights for singing ...

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and because it's a Fair Trade store—meaning, it treats its suppliers and employees better than most other establishments—an important consideration for enlightened shoppers, especially in these parts.

Perhaps you'd like to take advantage of this exceptional shopping opportunity, as well? The Manghihimano Fair Trade Store is on Lacson St. in Sta. Ana, Manila, near the Sta. Ana Church.

'Jose Rizal' marks 10th year

At 2 p.m. today, the Marilou Diaz-Abaya Film Institute and Arts Center in Antipolo marks the 10th anniversary of Abaya's celebrated historical feature, "Jose Rizal."

Celebrations will be highlighted by a retrospective screening, not just of "Jose Rizal," but also of short films by the institute's students—Pablo Biglang-awa's "Show/Hide," Onno Nemor's "Moments," Junie Bernardo's "Pagsuyo," Javier Reyes' "Ops, Mom," Mik Reid's "The Threshold," Nick Olanka's "Daydream," Nick-Jeff Baltazar's "Bagets" and Francis Cunanan's "Memory."

The institute (www.mdafilms.com) offers these courses this summer: Junior Video Production, Intermediate Video Production, Film Scoring by Filmmakers, Orchestration Techniques for Video Musicians and Screen Acting. Call (02) 724-5879.

Gift of time

WHAT DO YOU GIVE A LOVED ONE WHO has everything? The gift of time, of course. Time for an intimate dinner, time to help with the household chores, time to play with the kids, time to reminisce about the good, old days, and time to cuddle.

Here's another great idea: How about a special timepiece? We're not talking about an ordinary watch. Nyc Tiglao's one-of-a-kind shop at the 3M Design Plaza at 330 Nicanor Garcia St. (formerly Reposo), Bel-Air II, Makati City, offers an array of quality timepieces that are perfect for the special people in your life.

STREET SMART



Mandy Navasero

Vintage

For the Christmas holidays, check out the following timepieces: A vintage Patek Philippe, a circa 1960s Calatrava, a contemporary FP Journe, a Blancpain Perpetual, an Audemars Piguet, a Vacheron Constantin, an Omega Seamaster chronograph, circa 1970s.

Rolex Precision, circa 1950s; Rolex Bubble Back, circa 1940s; an Omega Constellation, circa 1970s; a Cartier Tank Classic, circa 1980s, and a Rolex Precision, circa 1940s. Nyc started collecting watches at age 12.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



TIGLAO: Started his watch collection at age 12.

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'Stars of Hope' at CCP

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Mabilog from Cheese, Joyce Ramirez, Gretchen Espina, and Brian Sombrero's indie rock group, Silhouette.

Mocha at Starmall Edsa

The sexy Mocha dance group performs at 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Activity Center of Starmall Edsa Shaw to promote their second album. Call 718-0487.

'Group Hug'

The CompanY, together with Gerard Salonga and the Filharmonika, embarks on a musical adventure in its new album, "Group Hug." The album is The CompanY's tribute to iconic groups like Abba, Beatles, Nirvana and Spiral Staircase. "Group Hug" takes the listener into multiple music genres, resulting in a highly entertaining and innovative romp through the 20th century's pop music canon. Visit www.thecompanysingers.com.



THE COMPANY: Latest album pays tribute to iconic musical groups.

Holiday feasts at Richmonde Grill

Get your fill of Yuletide cheer with the special holiday buffet at the Richmonde Grill for Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas Day lunch. A special buffet will also delight diners on New Year's Eve. Call 689-0822.

Concert at the Park

Tomorrow at 5 p.m., Concert at the Park presents "In a Merry Mood: From Classical to Jazz," featuring the UP Guitar Orchestra and the UST Jazz Orchestra.

Online trailer

"Terminator Salvation" has launched its online trailer on the international website, http://terminatorsalvation-movie.net. Set in postapocalyptic 2018, "Terminator Salvation" stars Christian Bale as John Connor, the man fated to lead the human resistance against Skynet and its army of terminators.

Movies on TV

On HBO today at 1 p.m., "Gladiator." Tomorrow at 2 p.m., "Bull's Up." Dec. 22 at 9 p.m., "Batman Returns." Dec. 23 at 11 a.m., "Erin Brockovich." Dec. 24 at 7 a.m., "Man of the Year." Dec. 25 at 11 p.m., "Mr. Bean's Holiday." Dec. 26 at 9 p.m., "Spider-Man 3."

On Cinemax today at 7 a.m., "Allan Quatermain and the Lost City of Gold." Tomorrow at 5 p.m., "The Blues Brothers." Dec. 22 at 9 p.m., "The Last Man on Planet Earth." Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." Dec. 24 at 9 p.m., "Lady in the Water." Dec. 25 at 9 p.m., "Teddy Man." Dec. 26 at 5 p.m., "Encyclia."

Internet teleradyo

DZ 107 recently teamed up with Filipinos.net to bring the first teleradyo to the Internet, which aims to bring local music updates to, and facilitate wider download choices for, Filipino working overseas.

Log on to www.wr107.tv.

Al Jarreau's 'Christmas'

Al Jarreau, one of the music industry's best voices, releases his first holiday album, "Christmas," featuring 12 memorable tracks, including "Carol of the Bells," "Winter Wonderland" and his collaboration with Take 6, "I'll Be Home for Christmas."



Grand nights for singing and piano-playing with the Orlinas





'Stars of Hope' at CCP

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